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EXPORT PROCESSING ZONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of export from Export Processing Zones and Free Trade Zones set up specially to promote exports during the recent past is much less out of the total exports made from the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the percentage of exports made from the units set up in the said zones out of the total exports of the country during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(c) the assessment of the Government in regard to increase in exports from the Special Economic Zones created under the newly announced Exim Policy; and

(d) the assessment in regard to percentage of exports from these newly created zones out of total exports of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) and (b): The percentage of exports from Export Processing Zones (EPZs) out of the total exports of the country, during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given below:

Year	Exports from EPZs (Rs. Cr)	Percentage of EPZ exports in the total exports
1997-98	4817.30	3.70
1998-99	5252.48	3.71
1999-2000 (Apr-Feb)	5083.52(P)	3.52

EPZs have limitations in contributing substantially to the country`s exports owing to small area available and non-liberalisation of policy.

(c) and (d): No assessment has been made in regard to likely increase in exports from Special Economic Zones.